

Appl. No. 09/738,367  
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Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method for transferring and monitoring privilege access to a resource manager in a computing system comprising:

transferring a privilege to a native administrative new system program that will administer the resource manager, said transferred privilege enabling the new system program to access the resource manager during initialization of the resource manager;

transferring the privilege to access the resource manager away from the native administrative system program that had the privilege during the initialization of the resource manager on the computer system and to a system program which does not have system administrative privileges, said privilege transfer away from the native administrative system program disabling the native administrative system program that had the privilege during the initialization of the resource manager and preventing the native administrative program from disabling the resource manager; and

monitoring the number of programs that have privilege to the resource manager.

Claim 2 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the transferring of the privilege to the new system program comprises: registering the new system program; setting a privilege identity for the new system program; and incrementing a privilege process count.

Claim 3 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 2 wherein privilege registration comprises: requesting a privilege transfer to the resource manager by the new system program; and determining whether the new system program requesting the privilege transfer currently has a privilege to the resource manager.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 3 wherein the step of determining whether the new system program making a request has privilege to the resource manager further comprises determining whether the new system program has a previous registration.

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Claim 5 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 3 wherein the step of determining whether the new system program making a request has privilege to the resource manager further comprises determining whether the new system program is a descendent program of the new system program.

Claim 6 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 2 further comprising providing a new privilege identity by the new registered system program.

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 6 further comprising:  
    setting the privilege identity of the resource manager to the privilege identity of the new system program making the request;  
    determining whether the requesting program is marked as privilege; and  
    marking the requesting program as privilege when the program has not been previously marked as privileged.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 1 wherein said monitoring step further comprises:  
    determining whether a privilege process count is greater than zero;  
    determining whether a requesting program is privileged;  
    marking the requesting program as privileged; and  
    returning privilege to the requesting program.

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Claim 9 (Currently amended) A method for transferring a privilege access, requested, by a new system program, to a resource manager and monitoring privilege access to a resource manager in a computing system comprising:

- determining whether the requesting program is eligible for a privilege to the resource manager;

- setting a privilege identity to the resource manager to the privilege identity supplied by the requesting program;

- marking the requesting program as privileged;

- incrementing a privileged count process; and

- transferring the privilege to access the resource manager away from the system program that had the privilege during initialization of the resource manager on the computer system, and transferring the privilege to a system program which does not have system administrative privileges.

Claim 10 (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in transferring and monitoring privilege access to a resource manager in a computing system comprising:

- instructions for determining whether the requesting program is eligible for a privilege to the resource manager;

- instructions for setting a privilege identity to the resource manager to the privilege identity supplied by the requesting program;

- instructions for marking the requesting program as privileged;

- instructions for incrementing a privileged count process; and

- instructions for transferring the privilege to access the resource manager away from the system program that had the privilege during initialization of the resource manager on the computer system, and transferring the privilege to a system program which does not have system administrative privileges.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1 wherein said step of transferring a privilege to a new system program that will administer the resource manager further comprises initializing a program having a system privilege, the initialized program being the native administrative system program.

Claim 12 (Canceled)